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Martinez April 19th 1890

My dear Mr Johnson.

I hope you have not been
put to trouble by the delay of that M.S.
I have been interrupted a thousand times
while writing by coughs grips business
etc. I suppose you will have to divide
the article. I will write a sketch of the
Tuluman Canon & Kings River Yosemite; also
the charming Yosemite of the Middle Fork of
Kings River all of which may I think be
got into one article of 10,000 words or so
If you want more than is contained in the
M.S. sent you on the Peaks & Glaciers to the
east of Yosemite let me know & I will try
to give what is wanted with the Tuluman Canon.

The Yosemite Century Leaven is working finely
even thus far throughout California. I

enclose a few ²clippings. The Bulletin
prints the whole of Mack's Times letter on
our honest Governor. Thin says that
The Overland is going out into the battle
henceforth in full armor. The ~~Times~~ Evening
Post editorial which I received last night &
have just read is a good one & I will try
to have it reprinted.

I saw Robinson Yesterday. He says that
the three sketches I ordered for you of the Cathedral
Peak & Hetch Hetchy were about done &
would be forwarded at once. I thought they
had been sent on weeks ago & fear they
will now be too late. Should you conclude
to print H. H. in the first section. He feels
very sore concerning the references to his
Examiner letters by Mackenzie as being
stupid blundering rubbish etc. He says that
most of the objectionable features of the letters

were added by the Editor of the Examiner
 to suit their sensational purposes etc.
 He is very anxious to be heard on the Yosemite
 question & offers to write something & submit
 it to me to show how smooth & dis-
 -passionate he can be. allowing me
 to change as much as I judge might
 be best. If he sends me anything that
 seems available I shall forward it
 to you in hopes your finding something
 useful in it & getting it published,
 somewhere. I tried to soothe him by saying
 that it mattered little who did the writing
 so long as it was well done & was
 effective in raising the points & facts
 etc but he evidently thought he would
 like to be a general in the war. He deserves
 credit for an almost diabolical industry.

The Olmsted's paper was I thought a little
 soft in some places but all the more
 telling I suppose in some directions.
 Kate like fate has been going for the
 Governor & I fancy he must be dead
 or at least paralyzed in this.
 How goes the bill Vanderar. I hope
 you gained all the basin if you
 have then a thousand thousand
 trees & firs will rise up & call you
 blessed besides the other mountain
 people & the usual "unborn generations
 etc" In the meantime for what
 you have already done I send you
 a reasonable number of Yosemite thanks
 I remain very truly your friend
 John Muir

Professor is pulling about his 'photos'. He wants them back.